

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~the cosmetic~~ treatment of the aged skin ~~or scalp~~, comprising ~~the step of topically~~ administering to the aged skin of a patient in need thereof a composition comprising ~~an effective amount~~ of a plant extract from a source of *Buchholzia coriacea*, ~~wherein the method further comprises inhibiting the synthesis of melanin, decreasing the effects of skin pigmentation, stimulating the growth and/or metabolism of human fibroblasts, providing an anti aging and/or anti wrinkle effect, providing a revitalizing or rejuvenating effect on stressed or tired skin, promoting the repair of aged and/or photoaged skin, and/or promoting hair growth or the delay of hair loss, providing an appeasing and anti irritation effect against oxidative stress and pollutants, providing a protease inhibition effect, providing an antioxidant effect, and/or protecting against UV or IR radiation; in an amount effective to provide an anti-ageing effect~~, and

wherein said plant extract is obtained by extracting at least a portion of the *Buchholzia coriacea* plant with ~~a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol, and mixtures thereof~~ to form a solution.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the extract is from the fruit of *Buchholzia coriacea*.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the extract is from the seeds of *Buchholzia coriacea*.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[14]] 10, wherein the composition is in the form of a tablet, dragee, capsule, juice, solution, or granule.

16-21. (Canceled)

22. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the anti-ageing effect is selected from inhibiting of the synthesis of melanin, decreasing the effects of skin pigmentation, stimulating the growth and/or metabolism of human fibroblasts, providing a revitalizing or rejuvenating effect on stressed or tired skin, promoting the repair of aged and/or photoaged skin, providing an appeasing and anti-irritating effect against oxidative stress and pollutants, providing a protease inhibition effect, providing an antioxidant effect, and/or protecting against UV or IR radiation.

23. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the concentration of said extract is 0.001 weight-% to 25 weight-% based on the composition.

24. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the composition further comprises at least one auxiliary and/or additive.

25. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the auxiliary and/or additive is selected from the group consisting of oil bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils, dyes, and mixtures thereof.

26. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the concentration of the extract is 0.001 weight-% to 25 weight-% based on the composition.

27. (New) A method of stimulating the growth and/or metabolism of human fibroblasts in aged skin comprising topically applying to the aged skin of an individual in need thereof a composition comprising:

(a) an extract of the seeds of *Buchholzia coriacea*; and

(b) at least one auxiliary and/or additive,

in an amount effective to stimulate the growth and/or metabolism of human fibroblasts, wherein the extract is obtainable by extracting at least a portion of *Buchholzia coriacea* with water to form a solution.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the auxiliary and/or additive is selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils, dyes, and mixtures thereof.

29. (New) A method of inhibiting the effects of UV radiation on aged skin comprising topically applying to the aged skin of an individual in need thereof a composition comprising:

(a) an extract of the seeds of *Buchholzia coriacea*; and

(b) at least one auxiliary and/or additive,

in an amount effective to protect human fibroblasts from UV-A irradiation, to protect human keratinocytes from UV-B irradiation, or to inhibit melanin synthesis in melanocytes, wherein the extract is obtainable by extracting at least a portion of *Buchholzia coriacea* with water to form a solution.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the auxiliary and/or additive is selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film

formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils, dyes, and mixtures thereof.

31. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the composition is topically administered to skin showing signs of ageing.